

1 (New) A reactive personnel protection system of a type in which at least one
2 airbag is inflated responsive to detection of a destructive object prior to contact between
3 said object and a person, said system comprising:
4 a destructive object detection system;
5 at least one rapidly deployable airbag; and
6 a gas-generating system for rapid deployment of said airbag in response to
7 detection of the approach of said object in proximity to said person by said detection
8 system, wherein said detection system is a radar-based projectile detection system
9 operating at a frequency of 8-20 Ghz and wherein said object is a ballistic projectile.

REMARKS

Based on the Examiner's recommendations, Claims 1-29 have been canceled. It is respectfully requested that Claims 30-31 be allowed, as they have already been accepted by the Examiner to be allowable over the art of record. New Claims 33-39 are rewritten versions of Claims 2, 3, 9, 18-20, and 27, which were objected to by the Examiner as being depended on rejected base claims. However, these rewritten versions have been amended so as to become independent of the rejected base claims.

It is respectfully urged that, in view of the above cancellations, amendments and remarks of the above-identified application, the claims considered allowable by the Examiner prior to filing the Appeal Brief should now be in condition for allowance. The

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cancellation of Claims 1-29 should now render the Appeal moot. Any deficiency in fees due to the addition of claims may be deducted from PTO Account No. 10-0447.

It is, therefore, respectfully submitted that all of the remaining claims of the above-identified application are in condition for allowance, and an early action to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that the prosecution of the above-identified application may be materially advanced by a telephone call, he is hereby urged to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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